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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city.
Elevation above the tide, 740 feet.
Extremely healthy.
Estimated population, 1894, 103,000.
Registered voters, 25,529.
Value of school property, \$750,000.
Number of school children, 12,000.
Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000.
It's the metropolis of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara.
No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries.
See how we grow:
Population in 1880..... 9,222
Population in 1885..... 20,000
Population in 1890..... 45,570
Population in 1894..... 103,000
Population in 1891 (estimated)..... 75,215
Population in 1894 (estimated)..... 106,920
And the end is not yet.

If Rev. Dr. Parkhurst is making any mistake, it is in trying to prevent mistakes on the part of men who have the people expect to govern themselves.

Why We Need Another Judge.

With judges' salaries payable by the state, instead of by the counties, it is perhaps natural that the more orderly portions of the commonwealth should object to the creation of additional judgeships in communities where petty litigation is uncommonly abundant. We cannot, therefore, criticize the argument of the Philadelphia Press against the demands for new judgeships likely to be made upon the next legislature; from that paper's point of view its argument is logical and reasonable. If there could be, under the constitution, a "proper division of the state" it is probably true, as the Press contends, that one-third less than the present number of judges (85) would be sufficient to transact all the proper business of our Pennsylvania county courts. Laying aside, however, the theoretical aspects of this case, let us ask our contemporary if, under existing circumstances, it thinks the cost of one additional judge should stand between the 100,000 inhabitants of Lackawanna county and a proper and prompt clearing-up of our increasing court dockets. We concede that the assignment of four judges is theoretically a large apportionment for this county. Upon the basis of an equitable division, and with more rigorous laws to prevent the bringing into court of cases which ought to be settled outside, it is possible that three judges, if unusually active and persevering, might manage for several years to keep pace with the business of our courts, although this might easily give rise to undesirable haste. Such a basis of calculation, however, is somewhat distant from the actual condition that now exists. This is a county of abnormal litigation. Much of this litigation, involving as it does difficult technical points with reference to coal leases and contracts, is necessarily slow in its progress through the courts. Our dockets, as a consequence, are already much overcrowded and the growth in the volume of our legal business upon the whole renders doubtful the possibility that three judges will much longer be able to keep pace with it, and continue to give public satisfaction.

Although Lackawanna county has at almost every term of court for the past two years called in two or three judges from neighboring judicial districts to assist the resident judges in disposing of the great mass of cases to be adjudicated in the different courts, it has not been found possible to do much more than keep abreast of litigation. The common pleas court is two years behind time, and many criminals escape the punishment their acts justly deserve, because it is not possible to bring them to trial soon after they have violated the law. Cases of this kind are continued from term to term until prosecutors become disgusted and weary and quite willing that the accused should go scot-free on the basis of paying the costs. These delays cause the fees of witnesses to be greatly increased and take thousands of dollars out of the county treasury each year.

Under these circumstances it would very manifestly be cheaper to give Lackawanna county an additional judge, would it not, than to gradually destroy the usefulness of our courts by overcrowding them, or to seek visionary relief in the creation of a superfluous new county with its expensive political machinery and necessarily higher tax rates?

We try, occasionally, to send good men to congress; and then, at the very next election, let ignoramus or knaves slip into council practically unopposed. Quer legio! Quer public!

Labor's Latest Chieftain.

Rotation is often undoubtedly has its advantages, even in labor organizations; but when an observance of this principle supplants a Powderly with a Sovereign and a Gompers with a McBride it is not to be wondered at if the public should begin to have its doubts as to these organizations' constancy of purpose. We know nothing specifically to Mr. McBride's discredit further than a considerable quantity of careless talking which he has at various times projected into print. But it has been many times demonstrated that he is, in any event, Samuel Gompers' inferior in experience, breadth of view and resources, and the Federation of Labor is seemingly much more

likely to recede than to advance under his guidance.

We dare say that one of the first steps of President McBride will be to renew his recent attempt to secure a foothold in the anthracite coal regions for the United Mine Workers. Numerous predictions to this effect have been current of late; and it has even been said that the organization is already complete in this region, but this is an assertion which lacks proof. In all reasonable and well-considered steps to better its condition, labor will receive the cordial sympathy of the public, as it always has received this in the past. But we should be reluctant to duty if we held out false hopes of leniency to the class of reckless men who sometimes delude workmen into unwise proceedings for the money and brief authority which they can get out of such betrayal. We trust there will be no future repetition in these parts of this kind of lamentable history.

The Dunmore magistrate who allowed Farmer Noack to compound felony the other day by settling a case of highway robbery for \$25, is apparently one of the most beautiful specimens of the connecting link between law and disorder on record. With such men presiding over the lower courts in this vicinity it is a wonder that the local army of pickpockets and sneak thieves is not even larger.

Encourage Broader Patriotism.

The Wilkes-Barre Leader asks what the following extract from a recent Tribune editorial means:
The fact that somewhat more than three-fourths of the entire population of Scranton are only one generation removed from necessarily different old-world conditions makes doubly urgent the upbuilding of a strong sentiment of patriotism, perhaps even more manifest and emphatic than would be requisite were citizens long grounded in American traditions. The Tribune takes no stock in proscriptionist orders or agencies that would excite sectarian strife, appeals, without bias, to its readers, native born and naturalized, to co-operate in the strengthening of all honest and worthy patriotic influences to put our friends of foreign parentage in unison with American conditions and institutions.

Our contemporary must be singularly obtuse if it cannot understand the foregoing. The meaning of it is not hidden. It means, among other things, that good Americans, whether native or naturalized, should strengthen the public and private school systems wherein the sons and daughters of Americans born of foreign parents are receiving their daily education. It means, to give one local illustration, that they should reinforce efforts like those of Rev. Richard Aust in this city, who in the Polish schools under his charge is teaching the American language, American history and reverence for American institutions—in other words, is fitting the children of those who do not speak English to take a creditable and progressive part in the civic activities of the near future. It means, too, that when the sons and daughters of naturalized citizens do not attend school and do not fit themselves for an intelligent part in the government of their parents' adopted country, virile efforts should be put forth to give them the advantages of our free educational institutions, state, parochial or private. The Leader thinks that:

There is a good deal of the veriest rot indulged in by many of our writers and speakers when they get on this subject of patriotism and our foreign population, so-called. We are all, so to speak, foreigners of yesterday. It is very questionable whether those who can go back through two generations of ancestors, without finding a less intermixture of foreign bloods (and precious few can do even that), are any more patriotic, in any proper sense of the word, than those who come direct from foreign parentage, or most of those who are themselves of foreign birth. In fact there is a something in having been born under a foreign flag, followed by a coming under ours and the acquisition of the additional privileges the change confers, and by a voluntary repudiation of "any foreign government, prince or potentate" as a means of securing the rights of American citizenship, that should, and unquestionably often does, produce a far more genuine patriotism than is shown in the average native born of native parentage. The one is an American citizen by choice, deliberately made after he has attained years of discretion. The other is such by accident of birth. The lessons in patriotism of which we stand in greatest need are such as will teach all our citizens, native born and foreign born, that this is a government for all the people, and not a mere means of subservient the interests of the few at the cost of the many.

We are not discussing this point. We are not hurling stones at persons of foreign birth. Neither are we indulging in what our neighbor somewhat ineptly calls "rot." A journal like the Leader, which assumes to speak intelligently for an intelligent constituency, should not put itself in the unnatural position of seeming to excuse illiteracy or to discourage rational and broad-gauged efforts toward the development in this community of a more thorough patriotism. It knows, in its own heart, that the anthracite regions do not compare favorably, with respect to law-obedience, general morality and uplifting tendencies, with the average community in this country. Whatever the fault, or whatever the weakness—whether among Americans of five generations or of only one generation—that fault and that weakness call for correction. The Leader should be above playing the demagogue or trying to tickle the fancy of the galleries with cheap flattery.

One of the best recent types of western enterprise in a journalistic line is distributed by the Minneapolis Tribune in a Christmas number of fifty-two pages, containing 232 columns of advertising—the largest number of advertisements ever collected in a single issue of a western daily newspaper. The Tribune is a success every day in the year; on the day in question it merely let itself out, so to speak.

For sixteen years or so, the Republican party in New York state has been to a large extent under the thumb of Thomas C. Platt. While Tammany was in a position to make deals with him, he was in a position to crack the whip over the Republican party organization, and he did this most zealously. During these years, Mr. Platt had the misfortune to place nothing but defeats to his credit as a leader. Now that a tidal wave has burst the bondage of his inefficiency as a general-in-chief, he coolly takes the popular uprising as a license to renewed bossism, of a kind even more offensive than ever before. The time is at hand, we believe, when this man will have become a needless

burden on the party's shoulders. Past debts have been abundantly discharged. The party is in a position now to say authoritatively that as a leader, he leads only to defeat; as a boss he insults rather than placates the people; as a politician, his strength vanished with Tammany's downfall; and as a dictator he is succeeding only in making himself ridiculous. It is time for New York Republicans to see things in their true light and to proceed to divest themselves of the Platt incubus. If they do this, it will mark a new era of Republican reascendancy.

Some Crises of Peace.

An excellent point was recently made by Judge Rice, of the Luzerne courts, when he refused to excuse from jury service a Wilkes-Barre merchant who pleaded the urgency of his personal business duties. Judge Rice reminded the gentleman that the state's exaction of jury service from each citizen, on an average, amounts to but little; but that this little was of vast importance. The citizen who should shirk his duty on the battlefield would at once be branded a coward. Why should a different term be applied to the citizen who, in time of peace, endeavors to shift infinitely less dangerous burdens upon the shoulders of indifferent substitutes? The Wilkes-Barre Record, in this connection, comments: Eckley B. Cox, for his punctuality in always serving on juries when summoned and in exacting similar punctuality from his employees, Mr. Cox, to be sure, does only his honest duty; but in these days even this is scarce enough. It seems, to occasion agreeable surprise.

There is another similar direction in which many well-intentioned business men are often quite as remiss. When a man is drawn on a jury, he is frequently compelled to serve, whether he wishes to or not. This element of compulsion to some extent, therefore, detracts from the heroism of the service. But no man is compelled to serve in councils. When, therefore, a clean and representative citizen is solicited by friends to take a nomination so that the duty of legislating for his ward and his city may not fall into unworthy hands, it is twice over as essential that he should accept, thus lending to the cause of good local government the voluntary indorsement of his active personal interest, as it is that he should do his occasional duty in the jury box. Yet it is an absolute fact in this city that good men by the scores refuse to become candidates for common council although they fully recognize the need of a radical cleansing of this deteriorated branch of the municipal legislature. The excuse in this instance is the same as in the other. It is: "I am too busy;" or, "You can do quite as well with some other man."

Is it not time that the importance of civic responsibilities were better understood in this vicinity?

The presidential whip may try to lash the administration's currency reform nostrum through the house committee, and even through a servile and ignorant house. But that nostrum will be forced to assume quite a different pace when it gets into the senate. The senate owes no thanks to Grover Cleveland nor to any of his minions, a fact he will probably again ascertain.

It is not likely that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons engagement will ever take place. If it should, what would the two athletes have to talk about for future advertising purposes?

POLITICAL POINTS.

Captain John C. Delaney is mourning for his mother, who died suddenly last week.

The state tax conference will meet in Harrisburg on Dec. 29 to hear the report of the committee which framed a new revenue bill at the Commonwealth hotel recently. Judges Simonson and McPherson have disposed of many of the "riot" cases by reducing the taxes and the commonwealth loses by the litigation. The attorney general is trying to get these settlements fixed up before his term closes.

Philadelphia Democrats hope to have President Cleveland attend their Jackson day banquet on Jan. 8. Assassinations have been received from Vice President Stevenson, ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts; United States Senators Vilas, of Wisconsin, and White, of California, and Representatives McMillin, of Tennessee, that they will be present and respond to toast. Leading Democrats from nearly every county in the state will also be present.

The total pluralities for Curtin in 1860 and 1864, Quay in 1867 and 1872, Harrison in 1872 and 1876, Hoyt in 1878 and Beaver in 1880 aggregate 181,868. The Platteau years of 1882 and 1886 provide an addition of 26,756, and the result of the ten gubernatorial elections in the past thirty-four years is a total of 208,624. The interesting point about it is, says the Philadelphia Times, that the Platteau plurality of 24,257 exceeds all the number gone before by 2,773. The real magnitude of the November returns can be had in these figures if any one is searching for it at this late date.

TO MY FATHER.

Peace and her huge invasion to these shores
Puts daily home: innumerable sails
Down on the far horizon and draw near;
Innumerable loves, uncounted hopes,
To our wild coast, not darkling now, approach;
Not now obscure, since thou and thine are there,
And bright on the lone isle, the foundered reef,
The loud, resounding forehead, Pharaoh stands.
These are thy works, O father, these thy crowns;
Whether on high the air be pure, they shine
Along the yellowing sunset, and all night
Among the unnumbered stars of God they shine;
Or whether fogs arise and far and wide
The low sea-level drowns—each finds a tongue,
And all night long the tolling bell resounds:
So shine, so toll, till night be overpast,
Till the stars vanish, till the sun return,
And in the heaven rides the fleet secure.

In the first hour, the seaman in his skiff
Moves through the unmoving bay, to where the town
His earliest smoke into the air upbreathes
And the rough hezels climb upon the beach.
To the tug's duff the distant echo speaks,
The ship lies resting, where by reef and root
Thou and thy lights have led her like a child.
This hast thou done, and I—can I be base?
I must arise, O father, and to port
Some lost, complaining seaman pilot home.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

KIND WORDS OF FRIENDS.

Mutual Pride.
Scranton Truth: "Scranton journalism is showing itself to advantage in the special Christmas issues of our esteemed contemporaries, the Republican, the Free Press and the Tribune, which have followed each other within the last four days. The city of Scranton has a right to be proud of its newspapers, as its newspapers are of it."

Was a Creditable Number.
Wilkes-Barre Times: "The Scranton Tribune's Christmas number came to hand today. It is a well gotten up paper of twenty pages enclosed in a handsomely designed cover printed in bright red. It is full of advertisements and appropriate Christmas reading and is all in all a credit to the establishment."

Is Well Received.
Wilkes-Barre Leader: "The Scranton Tribune this morning issued a Christmas number of twenty pages, with cover printed in red. It is a fine edition and merits the approval which its patrons will no doubt cheerfully accord it."

Paid Service Is Best.
From the Wilkes-Barre Times.
Scranton is debating whether or no to abandon their volunteers for a paid fire department. We have tried both kinds, neighbor, and find the paid department much more efficient and fully warranting the slightly increased cost. Our fire department is today one of the best equipped and most competent in the state. Fires in Wilkes-Barre are infrequent and rarely are allowed to do much damage. Indeed there are sometimes complaints on this score when old and unsightly buildings are adre. We would not think of returning to the village method of a volunteer service and are surprised that a progressive city like Scranton has clung to it so long.

Had the Floor and Kept It.
From Harper's Bazar.
"Wife back from the country, Dawson?"
"Yes, just got back."
"Didn't she stay longer than usual?"
"Yes. Couldn't afford to leave, there were so many servants to tip. She had to stay full half of them had gone."

REQUIEM.
Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me:
For he is here, he longed to be,
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter from the hill.
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Christmas Presents . . .

Useful and Ornamental goods for the holiday trade.

- LADIES' DESKS.
- CABINETS.
- BOOKCASES.
- LADIES' DRESSING TABLES.
- TEA TABLES AND LIBRARY TABLES, BRASS AND ONYX.
- TABLES AND CABINETS (OF A GUARANTEED QUALITY.)
- AN ELEGANT STOCK OF PICTURES AT MODERATE COST.
- FANCY BASKETS AND LAMPS.
- CALL EARLY AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS WHILE OUR ASSORTMENT IS COMPLETE.

Hill & Connell,
131 and 133 WASHINGTON AVE.

DINNER SETS

We are now showing the largest line of Dinner Sets ever displayed in this city. A splendid variety in

HAVILAND & CO.,
CHAS. FIELD HAVILAND,
R. DELENERES & CO.,
FRENCH CHINA,
CARLSBAD AND AMERICAN CHINA, PORCELAIN AND WHITE GRANITE WARE.

If you want a Dinner Set examine our stock before buying.

Coursen, Clemons & Co.

—The secret is out. Not only do they say we do washing for a living, but that we do it well. So keep it going. Tell everybody you see, but tell them not to tell.

EUREKA LAUNDRY, 322 Washington Ave.

THAT WONDERFUL

WEBER
TONE IS FOUND ONLY IN THE
WEBER PIANO
GUERNSEY BROTHERS, 224 WYOMING AVE.

GOLDSMITH'S G.B. BAZAAR.

WE HAVE Taken the Town

By storm with our magnificent display of Holiday Goods, and with the extremely low prices we are selling them at. If you are wise you will do your Holiday shopping now, and you will do it right here. Useful Holiday presents of all kinds, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Smoking Jackets, Jewelry, Leather Goods, Celluloid Goods, Silverware, Toys, Games, Books, Booklets, Pictures, Rockers, Cushions, Lambrequins, Linen Sets, Rugs, Curtains, Carpet Sweepers.

COME AND SEE US IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

Special Holiday department, second floor—take elevator.

Articles selected now laid away for customers until wanted.

We will discontinue giving away Crayon Portraits after December 31st, 1894. So those who are entitled to them are advised to order them now.

STOCKTAKING SALE



The Lackawanna Store Association, Limited.

We will sell for the next thirty days, previous to our inventory, Edwin C. Burt & Co.'s FINE SHOES FOR LADIES, at a reduction of 10 per cent, from regular prices. Every lady in Scranton and vicinity should avail themselves of this opportunity to purchase these celebrated shoes at the prices usually paid for ordinary goods. We have several other bargains to offer. See our new novelties in FOOTWEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS. We have original styles and designs. A full line of Leggings and Overalls. Our stock of the J. S. TURNER CO.'S HIGH GRADE SHOES for men's wear is complete. You will be pleased with our goods in all departments, having a fine line of Groceries, Hardware, Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings, Etc.

Examine the new "Kaiser" Patent Finger Tipped Cashmere GLOVES, for Ladies, perfect fitting. With each pair you will find a guarantee ticket, which entitles you to a new pair if the first wear out before the gloves.

We Are Ready To Show You Our

ELEGANT LINE OF Holiday Goods

Comprising Dressing Cases, Jewel Cases, Glove Boxes, Cigar Boxes, Sterling Silver-Mounted Card Cases and Pocket Books, Bill Books, Photograph Albums, Photograph Frames, Prayer Books, Family Bibles, Oxford Bibles.

The Most Elegant Line of Ink Stands Ever Shown in the City.

ENGRAVING in All Its Branches.

REYNOLDS BROS.,

Stationers and Engravers,
317 LACKAWANNA AVE.

DR. HILL & SON ALBANY DENTISTS.

Set teeth, \$5.50; best set, \$8; for gold caps and teeth without plates, called crown and bridge work, call for prices and references. TONALGIA, for extracting teeth without pain. No ether. No gas.

OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Christmas Attractions...

BEAUTIFUL GOODS AT LOW PRICES.

Jewelry, Silverware, Watches, Clocks, Diamonds (in Rings, Scott Pins, etc.), Opera Glasses, etc.

Also an exceptionally fine line of

GOLD-HEADED CANES AND UMBRELLAS.

Our stock embraces everything in the way of desirable and appropriate

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

We can supply you with an elegant article at little cost and make it scarcely noticeable to yourself. Call and examine our stock, and you will see that we have just what you want.

Our reputation for reliable dealing is still maintained after thirty-seven years' business in Scranton, having been established here in 1857.

We will be pleased to show our goods, whether you buy or not.

C. LUTHER,

107 Wyoming Avenue.

SCIENTIFIC EYE TESTING FREE BY DR. SHIMBURG



The Specialist on the Eye. Headaches and Nervousness relieved. Latent and Improved Style of Eye-glasses and Spectacles at the Lowest Prices. Best Artificial Eyes Inserted for \$5.
305 Spruce Street, Opp. Old Postoffice.

HORSE SHOEING.

HAVING purchased the stock and rented the shoeing forge of William Blume & Son, I shall now give constant attention to shoeing horses in a practical and scientific manner. Quick work and good is the motto.

JOHN HAMLIN,
DOCTOR OF VETERINARY SURGERY.